

DIALOGUE ON DIVERSITY

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PREVENTION, PRIVACY, AND PRICE — WHAT MAKES THE WELLNESS SOCIETY TICK?

Washington, D.C. – May 6, 2017 Preparations are near complete for Dialogue on Diversity's 2017 Health Care Symposium, to be held on Tuesday, May 23rd at the NCLR headquarters, 1126 Sixteenth street, N.W. in Washington. "Reviewing a range of Policy issues," **Ma. Cristina Caballero**, Dialogue President, stated, "a series of panels, designed for the information needs of the Dialogue's audience, especially the local Latino communities, take up key problems in U.S. health care. This is a topic that has been the subject of conspicuous scrapping and recrimination as much as (or more than) a source of any decent regard for the ill and endangered of the world. We hope in this Symposium to offer a few fresh insights, in well-tempered voices, seeking to illuminate the economics and the shape of a reasoned social goal, and not to inflame the clamors that often prove skew to the real issues."

The Symposium is scheduled to open with a greeting and brief comments by the Dialogue's long-time supporter **Rep. Raúl Grijalva** of Arizona, who will sketch a goal of policy on the ever resurgent topic of health care.

Principal speaker for the Forum's midday session is **Dr. Joxel Garcia**, who has served in posts in both the U.S. mainland and Puerto Rico, has headed the Department of Health in the District of Columbia, and is now a leading figure in the Cancer Moon Shot research program going forward at the University of Texas. He reviews the exciting visions of future cures that are intimated in the laboratories and work shops of the cutting-edge science seeking to unravel cancer's secrets. Again, the view from a local standpoint is offered by **Dr. Sergio R. Rimola**, practicing in the Northern Virginia area, on his work in countless public health matters. Additionally, invitations have gone out for, among others, **Dr. LaQuandra Nesbitt**, the very decisive and innovative head of the D.C. Department of Health, and to **Mr. Topher Spiro**, Vice President, Center for American Progress, whose acute analysis of the health care legislation, existing and proposed, brings a much desired clarity to public discussion on these matters.

The 2017 Forum is one of the several 2017 Dialogue programs being presented in collaboration with the Global Policy Institute, whose President, **Paolo von Schirach**, will lead off as the Forum's overview speaker with a provocative essay on health care in the U.S. – describing this core policy enigma and at once exploring routes of escape from the horns of the dilemma.

In a review of the legislative and intellectual controversies swirling about the health-care system, as historically existing and as reconstituted in large part by the groundbreaking ACA statute of 2010, **Jeanette Contreras** of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) of the HHS, outlines the state of the "marketplaces", the insurance bazaars in the several states offering a carnival of insurance plans, all characterized, under the reigning statutory schema, by the power pack of provisions – e.g. no account of pre-existing medical conditions, no cap per disease, and no lifetime cap on payouts. **Janel George**, of the National Women's Law Center, one of the original Congressional staffers present at the legislative creation of the present medical system, crystallized in the ACA, reviews its history and its basic logic and critiques the structure of several "replacement" plans, gauged by whether they can effectively hold their own in the face of the tough and massive problems they purport to tackle.

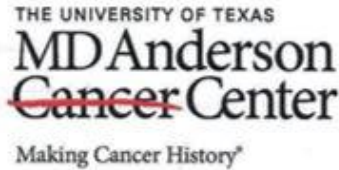
Prevention of threats to sound health, paired with an exploration of the Routes to Wellness, themes the second of the morning agenda segments, with **Drs. Jennifer Bishop-Crawford** and **Adrienne Smith**, both of the HHS Office on Women's Health, spelling out the special concerns of women in the face of health care challenges.

A review of a handful of major illnesses, mostly chronic conditions, is the subject of a final program segment. **Jason Resendez**, heading the Latino Network *US Against Alzheimer's*, reviews progress in the research into that much feared malady, and, among others, **Hernán Alvarado**, who teaches at the Ana G. Mendez University, Capital Region, offers expert discussion of the painful problem of mental health in America.

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About **Dialogue on Diversity**: Dialogue on Diversity is an international network of women, and men, including entrepreneurs and professionals, NGO executives and staff, and other interested persons, bringing together Latino and other diverse cultural traditions, for exploring Internet Privacy, Women's History, Health Care, Immigration, and other essential social and policy questions that are illuminated at the interface of the varied mind-sets and values and styles of our diverse audience of friends and members.